



## **Hampden County Commission on the Status of Women and Girls October Meeting Agenda**

October 14, 2021

6:00 PM - 8:00

PM

Online via Zoom: [Zoom Meeting Link](#)

<https://zoom.us/j/6895726626?pwd=aDdCTEpPSlkwa2pxd29VZDRqZStkQT09>

Facebook Livestream: [Link](#)

Please contact [hccswg@gmail.com](mailto:hccswg@gmail.com) for the meeting password

**I.** Call to Order and Roll Call

**II.** Discussion with our featured guest, Donna Haghghat, Chief Executive Officer, Women's Fund of Western Mass

**III.** Public Speak Out (15 min.)

**IV.** Approval of minutes from Sept. 9, 2021

**V.** Chair Report

**VI.** Vice-Chair Report

**VII.** Old Business

- a. Update on Regional Convening
- b. Commission Planning Updates

**VIII.** New Business

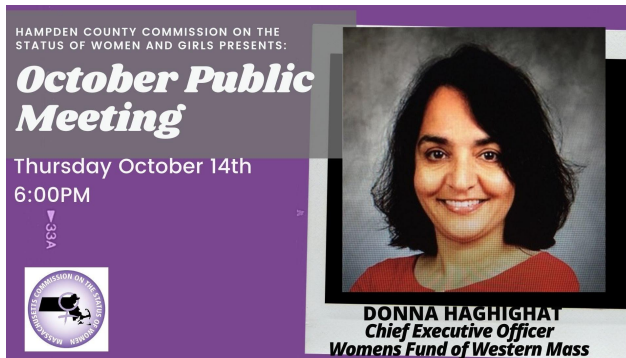
- a. Strategic Planning and Priorities for the year
  - i. Calendar of events
- b. Next Meeting- November 11, 2021

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**VIII.** Mass Commission Updates

- a. Collaboration with our Liaison for more events with elected leaders.

## About Our Featured Guest:



Donna Haghighat came to the Women's Fund with over 12 years of experience developing programs, cultivating relationships, launching startups, fundraising, directing communications strategy, creating strategic plans and building advocacy programs. Under her leadership, the Women's Fund has

successfully launched The Young Women's Initiative for girls and young women of color in Springfield, focused on gender and racial equity and moved from direct programming to partnerships and community investing. This has allowed the Women's Fund to focus on advocacy, research and fundraising. Prior to joining the Women's Fund, Haghighat was Principal at Collabyrinth Collective, LLC. Previous roles have included Executive Director of the Aurora Women & Girl's Foundation, Chief Engagement and Advocacy Officer for YWCA Hartford Region, a strategic consultant, Chief Development Officer for Hartford Public Library, Interim Director and Grants/Program Manager of the Women's Education and Leadership Fund, and Co-President of AAUW CT.

Haghighat was awarded the Trinity College Alumni Medal of Excellence in 2019, was the grand prize winner of the 2012 University of Hartford's Barney School of Business International Business Plan Competition and was recognized as The Trinity Club of Hartford's Person of the Year in 1999 and the Trinity College National Alumni Association Award in 1996.